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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following reference(s) be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

4,734,048 to Giebel et al.
5,368,505 to Hoolhorst et al.
5,864,090 to Wright
5,941,741 to Dobbelaere et al.
6,019,627 to Embo et al.
6,030,237 to Roth
6,033,262 to Heim Mueller et al.
6,057,510 to Acke
6,145,192 to Moyaert et al.
6,149,460 to Straeb et al.
6,200,162 B1 to Aoyama et al.
6,206,727 B1 to Aoyama et al.
6,210,223 B1 to Aoyama et al.

The above-identified reference(s) are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies are also enclosed herewith.

This submission, is in no way intended as an admission that the above-cited references constitute prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant expressly retains the right to take any actions necessary to remove the above-cited references from the available prior art.

Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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